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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF: :
: Administrative Action
MARK WASSEF, D.D.S. :
Licensed No. DI 19435 : CONSENT ORDER
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a complaint alleging that the treatment rendered to patient C.K. by Mark Wassef, D.D.S. ("respondent") failed to conform to the standard of care for dental practice in this State. Specifically it is alleged that respondent failed to provide adequate dental care and prepared and inserted bridges and a cap that did not fit properly.

On December 16, 1998, respondent appeared without counsel at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry and the patient's complaint and records, it appears to the Board that respondent's treatment of C.R. deviated from the standard of care in areas of oral diagnosis and treatment planning, in that respondent's evaluation and documentation did not include necessary orthodontic consultation, anterior films on oral diagnosis, study models or a full mouth series for the level of treatment performed in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7. Additionally, tooth number six (6) was not the appropriate size. In addition, respondent failed to chart other existing conditions which would have enabled him to treat the patient properly.

These facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and (h). It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admissions or denials and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 11th DAY OF July, 2001

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the total amount of \$5,000.00 comprised of \$2,500.00 for repeated acts of malpractice and \$2,500.00 for poor record keeping. Payment of the civil penalties of \$5,000.00 shall be paid in two installments and submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be

sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The initial \$2,500.00 shall be paid no later than 30 days from the entry of this Consent Order. The remaining \$2,500.00 shall be paid thirty (30) days thereafter. Subsequently violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

2. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the total amount of \$141.00. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than 30 days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Kevin Earle, Executive Director at the address described in paragraph #1.

3. Respondent shall make restitution to C.K. in the amount of \$2,745.00 for work performed on teeth 4,5,6,20,21,27,28 and 29. A certified check or money order made payable to C.K. shall be sent within 30 days of the entry date of this Consent Order to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #1.

4. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: Fourteen (14) hours of oral diagnosis and fourteen (14) hours of basic crown and bridge. These courses shall be completed within three (3) months of the entry of the within Consent Order. Further, these courses, which in addition to the

regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Respondent shall complete the attached continuing education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of this Consent Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

5. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

6. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Barbara Ann Rich, D.D.S.
Barbara Rich, D.D.S.
President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Mark Wassef, D.D.S. 6/27/01
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